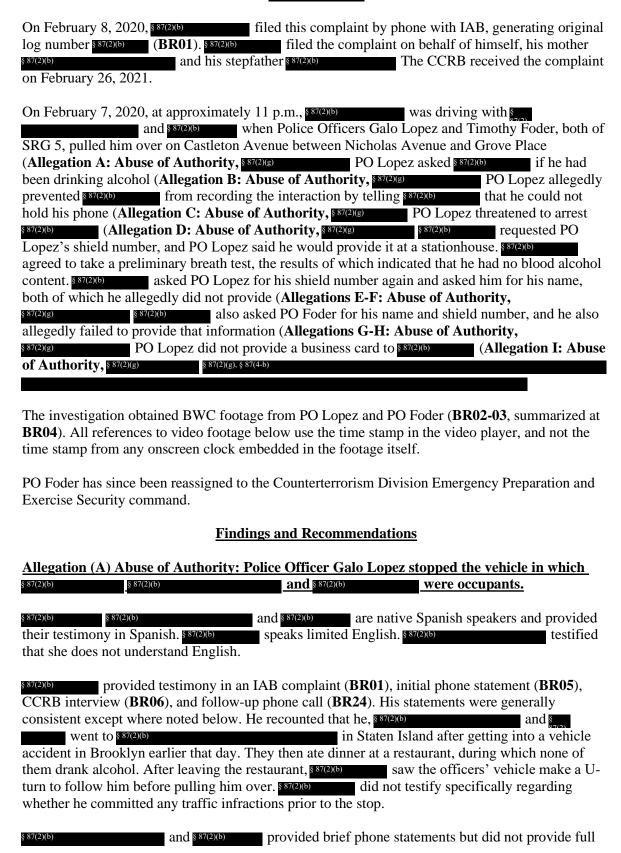
CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:		Force		Discourt.	U.S.
Katherine White		Squad #05	202001588	☑	Abuse		O.L.	☐ Injury
Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:	_		18 N	lo. SC	OL	Precinct:
Friday, 02/07/2020 10:00 PM		Castleton Avenue between Nicholas Avenue and Grove Place			3/24/2022		121	
Date/Time CV Reported		CV Reported At:	How CV Reported		Date/Tim	e Rece	eived at CCI	B
Sat, 02/08/2020 11:25 AM		IAB	Phone		Wed, 02/2	26/202	0 11:10 AN	1
Complainant/Victim	Туре	Home Addre	ss					
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command					
1. POM Galo Lopez	05604	933945	SRG 5					
2. POM Timothy Foder	05383	933783	SRG 05					
Officer(s)	Allegatio	on			Inv	estiga	tor Recon	ımendation
A.POM Galo Lopez	Abuse: Police Officer Galo Lopez stopped the vehicle in which \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) were occupants.							
B.POM Galo Lopez	Abuse: Police Officer Galo Lopez questioned \$87(2)(6)							
C.POM Galo Lopez	Abuse: P	olice Officer Galo Lope use of a recording dev		(2)(b)				
D.POM Galo Lopez	Abuse: Police Officer Galo Lopez threatened to arrest § 87(2)(b)							
E.POM Galo Lopez	Abuse: Police Officer Galo Lopez refused to provide his shield number to \$87(2)(0)							
F.POM Galo Lopez	Abuse: Police Officer Galo Lopez refused to provide [HIS/HER] name to §87(2)(b)							
G.POM Timothy Foder		Police Officer Timothy F nmber to § 87(2)(b)	oder refused to prov	vide !	his			
H.POM Timothy Foder	Abuse: P	Police Officer Timothy F	oder refused to prov	ride	his			
I.POM Galo Lopez	Abuse: P	Police Officer Galo Lope with a business card.	z failed to provide	87(2)(t)			
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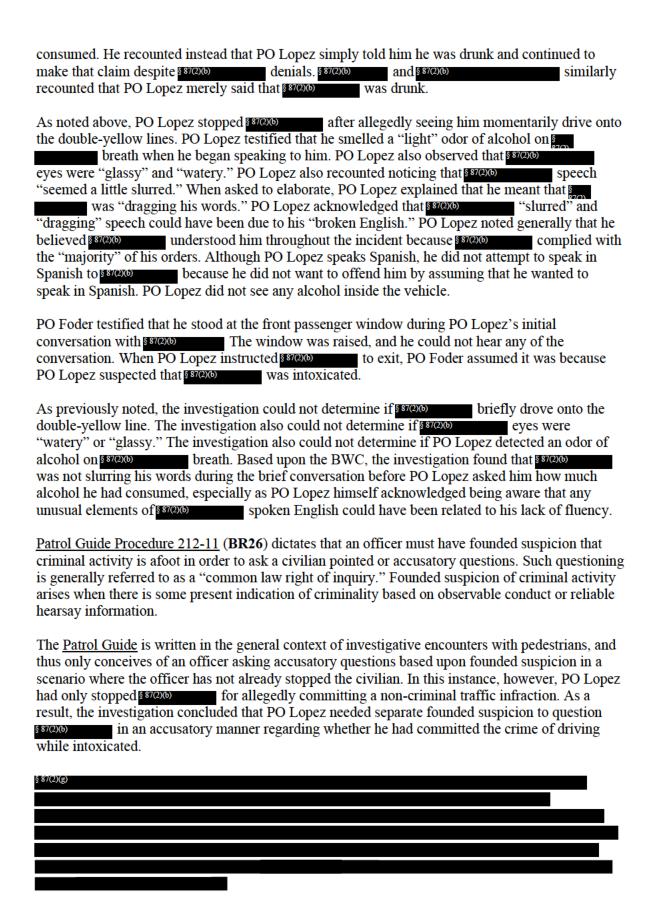
Case Summary



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sworn statements (BR07-08). Neither provided testimony regarding whether \$3000 briefly drove onto the double-yellow line or committed any other traffic infractions. The BWC footage (BR02-03) did not capture vehicle before the stop. At no point during the footage does PO Lopez or anyone else mention having driven on the double-yellow lines, or about any other infractions aside from driving while intoxicated. The SRG5 roll call showed that PO Lopez and PO Foder were assigned to DWI enforcement at the time of the incident (BR09). PO Lopez testified (BR10) that he was driving behind \$37000 vehicle and saw that \$ drove onto the double-yellow lines for "a few seconds." PO Lopez decided to pull him over for that infraction and to see if he was "ok." PO Lopez ultimately used his discretion not to issue a summons to \$87(2)(6) for the infraction. PO Foder testified (BR12) that PO Lopez made the decision to stop \$87(2)(6) vehicle. He did not see the infraction and could not remember if PO Lopez ever told him what infraction he observed or why he was stopping the vehicle. As a result, the investigation pleaded this allegation solely against PO Lopez. Allegation (B) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Galo Lopez questioned \$87(2)(6) It is undisputed that PO Lopez asked \$87(2)(6) how much alcohol he had consumed that evening and asked him if he would submit to a breath test. PO Lopez's BWC footage (BR02, beginning at 01:06) captured his initial interaction with had his registration and identification ready by the time PO Lopez reached his driver's window, and he told him that he did not have his physical license on him at the time. also made remarks regarding his having seen PO Lopez following him. PO Lopez asked him if he was going home, and \$87(2)(6) explained that he was coming from a hospital as a result of an accident. PO Lopez asked him if he suffered any injuries, and second that his back was injured. PO Lopez then said, "Let me ask you a question: How much have you had to drink tonight?" \$870)60 replied, "I don't drink." PO Lopez asked, "Are you sure?" said, "Yeah, I'm sure. 100%." PO Lopez then told [870] that there was a smell of alcohol on his breath. \$87(2)(b) asked if PO Lopez wanted him to take a test, and PO Lopez asked him if he wanted to take a test. \$870,000 answered, "If you're sure. That's what you said. We can do that—if I call my lawyer." PO Lopez then instructed \$87000 to exit the vehicle. The footage confirms that \$87(2)(b) spoken English was poor during the incident. His diction and verb conjugation were often inapt, and at times he did not appear to be answering PO Lopez's questions. It should be noted, however, that most of those instances occurred after PO Lopez first asked him how much alcohol he had consumed. Aside from \$87(2)(6) limited English, his initial conversation with PO Lopez at his driver's window, as seen in the BWC footage, did not contain any apparent indications that he was intoxicated. He did not slur his words during the initial conversation with PO Lopez. It cannot be determined from the footage whether \$87(2)(6) were "watery" or "glassy."

did not specifically allege that PO Lopez asked him how much he alcohol he had



Allegation (C) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Galo Lopez interfered with use of a recording device.

statements about this allegation were not consistent. In his phone statement, he recounted that PO Lopez told him to get out of the vehicle and to put his phone down. [87(2)6) told PO Lopez that he wanted to record the interaction, and PO Lopez told him he could not record it. In his sworn interview, [87(2)6) testified that he did not actually tell PO Lopez that he wanted to use his phone to record, and that he merely said he "need[ed]" the phone. PO Lopez told him he could not have his phone. Then in a later follow-up phone call, [87(2)6) alleged that PO Lopez specifically told him he could not record (BR25).
recounted that said he wanted to use his phone to record, and that either PO Lopez or PO Foder said, "You don't have the right to record." similarly recounted that PO Lopez told say(2)(3) said he was going to record the incident. As previously noted, said he was going to record the incident polynomials of the said has been said he was going to record the incident. As previously noted, say(2)(3) also testified that she cannot not understand spoken English.
PO Lopez's BWC footage (BR02 , beginning at 02:36) shows that said that he wanted to record the incident. said he was going to call his lawyer and began manipulating his phone when PO Lopez instructed him to exit the vehicle. PO Lopez said, "Can you put the phone down, please? Can you give the phone to your friend? You could put it right there. Thank you." (STO) then exited without his phone. The footage does not show PO Lopez ever saying that (STO) could not record.
PO Lopez testified that (1970) to last for his advice about the vehicle stop. PO Lopez told (1970) that he could not call his friend. PO Lopez explained that drivers generally are not permitted to make phone calls during a traffic stop, and that it can be used as a tactic to delay the process of the stop.
Based upon the BWC footage, the investigation determined that size did not give any indication to PO Lopez that he wanted to record the incident using his phone. Instead, he manipulated the phone while talking about wanting to call his lawyer, while PO Lopez was attempting to get him to exit the vehicle.
Allegation (D) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Galo Lopez threatened to arrest \$3000
In his initial phone statement, alleged that he continued to say that he wanted to call his lawyer after he exited the vehicle, and that PO Lopez told him, "No, you're going to jail if you try to call." In his sworn statement, statement, and that PO Lopez told him he was not permitted to call his friend who was an NYPD member, and that PO Lopez told him he was not permitted to call anyone.
PO Lopez's BWC footage (BR02 , beginning at 3:07), captured the portion of the incident after exited his vehicle. He and PO Lopez spoke outside the vehicle for approximately three more minutes before took the breath test. The footage showed that PO Lopez did not threaten to arrest specifically if he made a phone call, but that he did tell specifically he could arrest him simply based upon his observations of him during the incident. PO Lopez asked

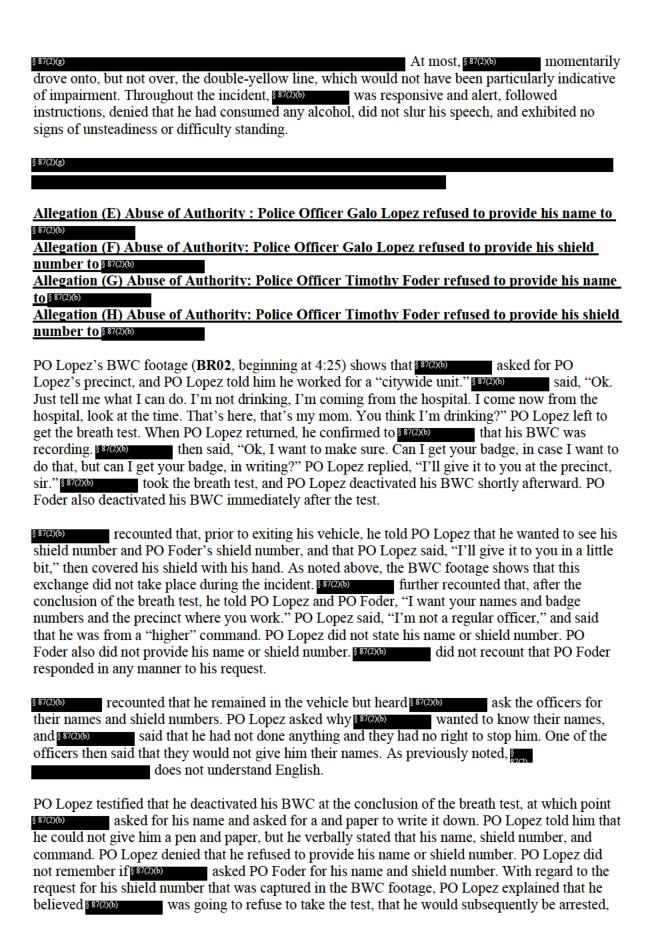
wanted him to do so. PO Lopez then asked him if he would "like" to take it, and said no. PO Lopez continued to ask if he would take the test upon it being offered. Said that he had not been drinking and asked if it was his decision whether or not to take the test. PO Lopez then said, "So, now you know, based on my observations, I could bring you back to a precinct, you know that right?" said answered, "You wanna bring me? I don't drink alcohol. If, uh, you think... that's what... it does... that I show you, I take it, go ahead." PO Lopez continued, "So you know what happens when you go back to the precinct and refuse the test? Your license gets suspended." As will be detailed below, said he would give it to him at the stationhouse.

As previously noted, the investigation could not determine if PO Lopez saw save watery, or if PO Lopez smelled an odor of alcohol on save was not slurring his words. The above-described footage also shows that save quickly provided his documentation and complied with PO Lopez's directions, that he was responsive to questions but hampered by a language barrier, that he did not appear to be unsteady on his feet, and that he did not exhibit any other apparent indications of alcoholic impairment.

PO Lopez testified that the typical procedure when a motorist refuses to take a portable breath test is to arrest the motorist, and that the motorist's license will be suspended if he continues to refuse to take the test. PO Lopez said that sources about whether sources was refusing to take the test or whether he would refuse. This conversation went on for "a minute or two." PO Lopez believed that sources was "heading" towards refusing to take the test, and that he seemed "scared" and "hesitant" about the test. PO Lopez tried to give sources was intoxicated, and he "didn't want to argue with him anymore."

NY CLS Vehicle and Traffic Law § 1192.1 states that no person shall operate a motor vehicle while the person's ability to operate such motor vehicle is impaired by the consumption of alcohol (BR27). Patrol Guide Procedure 208-01 (BR13) states that an officer may make an arrest when he has "reasonable cause" to believe that a crime has been committed in his presence. "Reasonable cause for an arrest for driving while under the influence of alcohol may be established through the police officer's observations of the defendant's condition and/or utilizing the so-called screening or field sobriety tests to determine whether the person is intoxicated or impaired." People v. Pagan, 165 Misc. 2d 255 (Crim. Ct., Queens Co. 1995) (BR28). In general, courts have found that officers had such reasonable cause when they observed some combination of factors, including: (1) a traffic infraction, and especially multiple infractions or infractions which strongly indicated impairment, like disregarding red lights or stop signs, crossing into oncoming traffic, or getting into collisions; (2) unsteadiness, difficulty standing, swaying, or staggering; (3) red, bloodshot, glassy, or watery eyes; (4) an odor of alcohol on the breath; (5) slurred, impaired, or disjointed speech; (6) confusion or disorientation; and (7) an admission that the motorist had consumed alcohol. (see *People v*. Tieman, 112 A.D.3d 975 (3rd Dept. 2013); People v. Poje, 270 A.D.2d 649 (3rd Dept. 2000); People v. Grow, 249 A.D.2d 686 (3rd Dept. 1998); People v. Rossi, 163 A.D.2d 660 (3rd Dept. 1990); People v. Bratcher, 165 A.D.2d 906 (3rd Dept. 1990)) (BR29).

While trying to convince to take the portable breath test, PO Lopez told him that he already had sufficient cause to arrest him and transport him to a stationhouse.



and that PO Lopez would provide his identifying information to him during that process. PO Foder denied that (STO) ever asked for his name or shield number. As a result, PO Foder did not provide this information to Provide this information the Provide this information to Provide this informat Lopez for his name and shield number, and he did not recall if PO Lopez provided his name and shield number to \$87(2)(6) PO Foder did not recall PO Lopez ever refusing to provide his name. PO Foder also added that he and PO Lopez's names and shield numbers are clearly written on their jackets and are easy to see. It is clear that § 87(2)(b) did request PO Lopez's name and shield number after the conclusion of the BWC footage. § 87(2)(g) (I) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Galo Lopez failed to provide 887(2)(6) business card. It is undisputed that PO Lopez did not offer a business card to \$87(2)(6) did not testify as to whether either officer ever offered him a business card. However, he did not recount that the officers provided him with cards, and it was clear from his testimony that he never learned either officer's name or shield number. PO Lopez did not offer a business card to in the time captured by the BWC footage. §87(2)(g) PO Lopez testified that he did not give a card to \$87000 because he believed, at the time of the incident, that he was only required to provide a business card to suspects of "violent felony" offenses like "shootings and robberies." He believed he was not required to provide them for "routine" vehicle stops. Soon after the incident, PO Lopez learned during a Police Academy training on electronic memo books that if any civilian asks for an officer's name and information, the officer should provide a business card. NYC Administrative Code §14-174 (BR25) and Patrol Guide Procedure 203-09 (BR11) state that an officer must provide a business card if he questions an individual suspected of criminal activity. The Patrol Guide characterizes such questioning as "Level 2," or equivalent to a common law right of inquiry based upon founded suspicion. As PO Lopez asked pointed and accusatory questions of sazono regarding whether he was driving while intoxicated, he was required to proactively offer him a business card at the conclusion of the encounter. PO Lopez did not do so, and he admitted that his understanding of the Right To Know Act requirements was incorrect at the time of the incident. \$870.00

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